

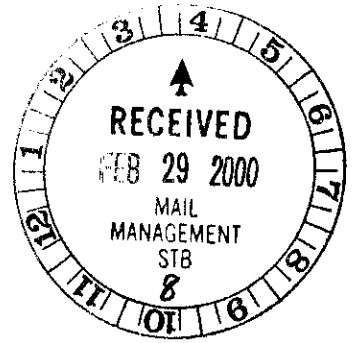
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**Outline of Testimony of
ProFlame, Inc.**



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Background on Speaker: Nancy J. Bunting-Cline, Chairperson, ProFlame, Inc.; 400 Bel Marin Keys Blvd., P.O. Box 5069, Novato, California 94948; 415-883-8717

Background on ProFlame, Inc.: propane marketer that currently ships propane from numerous states to the west coast, as well as from Canada. California shippers are uniquely dependent on rail transportation because of lack of access to pipelines or huge storage facilities.

Position regarding consolidation in rail industry: ProFlame, Inc. has benefitted from recent rail consolidation. The BN/Santa Fe merger improved the rail operating system accessible to ProFlame, Inc. and improved rail service.

Proposed BNSF/CN combination will benefit ProFlame, Inc. by improving transit times and service to northern California facilities.